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SUMMARY: IN A MARCH 7 OPORTO INTERVIEW, FORMER PSD LEADER SA CARNEIRO CALLED FOR THE DISESTABLISHMENT OF THE REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL IN 1980 AND ACCUSED PRESIDENT EANES OF PAVING THE WAY FOR PRESIDENTIAL MILITARISM. SA CARNEIRO HAS HIS EYE ON THE 1980 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION, ANTICIPATING THE FAILURE OF THE CURRENT PSD LEADERSHIP TO LEAD THE PARTY IN SELECTIVE OPPOSITION. END SUMMARY.

1. SA CARNEIRO ON THE OFFENSIVE: IGNORING THE PSD'S POLICY OF SELECTIVE OPPOSITION, FORMER PARTY LEADER AND CURRENT NATIONAL COUNCIL MEMBER SA CARNEIRO, IN A MARCH 7 OPORTO INTERVIEW (POUCHED), HAS ATTACKED PRESIDENT EANES AND THE EXISTING CONSTITUTIONAL STRUCTURE.

2. INTERVIEW HIGHLIGHTS:  
-- PORTUGUESE DEMOCRACY: THE EXISTENCE OF REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL AS A NONELECTED ORGAN OF SOVEREIGNTY INHIBITS THE PROPER FUNCTIONING OF DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS IN PORTUGAL.  
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THE INFLUENCE OF "MILITARY POLITICIANS" HAS NOT DIMINISHED, AND PRESIDENT EANES HAS FAILED TO EXERCISE HIS OWN CONSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY. EANES HAS CREATED A POLITICAL ATMOSPHERE CONDUCIVE TO PRESIDENTIAL MILITARISM. THE REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL MUST BE ABOLISHED IN 1980.  
-- THE PRESIDENCY: EANES HAS BEEN PREOCCUPIED WITH PARTY POLITICS AND POLITICAL INTRIGUES. HE REMAINS TOO CLOSE TO

THE SOCIALISTS;

-- THE ECONOMY: THE PUBLIC SECTOR--INCLUDING NATIONALIZED FIRMS--IS NOT LARGE ENOUGH TO EFFECT ECONOMIC RECOVERY. ANY SUCH RECOVERY MUST BE BUILT ON INCREASED NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL PRIVATE SECTOR INVESTMENT.

-- GOVERNMENT SPENDING: DRASTIC CUTS IN PUBLIC EXPENDITURES ARE OVERDUE. THE ECONOMIC POLICIES OF THE SOARES GOVERNMENT WERE A DISASTER.

-- THE PSD: THE PARTY IS UNIFIED BUT DIFFERENCES OF OPINION REMAIN. THE PSD MUST NO CONCENTRATE ITS EFFORTS ON REVISING THE CONSTITUTION AND FINDING A CANDIDATE TO CHALLENGE EANES IN 1980.

3. COMMENT: THIS IS SA CARNEIRO'S FIRST FORWARD-LOOKING INTERVIEW SINCE THE JANUARY 28-29 PSD NATIONAL CONGRESS. RATHER THAN FADE FROM THE SCENE AFTER BEING OUTMANEUVERED BY SOUSA FRANCO, HE CLEARLY PLANS TO MAINTAIN HIS EXTRA-PARLIAMENTARY VISIBILITY. HIS EYE IS ON THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION IN 1980 AND AND WHAT HE HOPES WILL BE SOUSA FRANCO'S INABILITY TO LEAD THE PARTY ON THE BASIS OF SELECTIVE OPPOSITION. BLOOMFIELD.

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